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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO

**In re:**

**PG&E CORPORATION,**

**- and -**

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC  
COMPANY,**

**Debtors.**

- ☐ Affects PG&E Corporation  
☐ Affects Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
☒ Affects both Debtors

*\* All papers shall be filed in the Lead Case, No.  
19-30088 (DM).*

Case No. 19-30088 (DM) (Lead Case)  
(Jointly Administered)

**ORDER APPROVING ADR AND RELATED  
PROCEDURES FOR RESOLVING GENERAL  
CLAIMS**

[Refers to Dkt. No. 8970]

Date: September 22, 2020  
Time: 10:00 a.m. (Pacific Time)  
Place: **(Telephonic or Video Only)**  
United States Bankruptcy Court  
Courtroom 17, 16th Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94102

1           Upon the motion, dated September 1, 2020 (the “**Motion**”),<sup>1</sup> [Dkt. No. 8970] of PG&E  
2 Corporation and Pacific Gas and Electric Company, as debtors and reorganized debtors (together,  
3 the “**Debtors**” or, as reorganized pursuant to the Plan (as defined below), the “**Reorganized**  
4 **Debtors**”) in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (the “**Chapter 11 Cases**”), pursuant to section  
5 105(a) of title 11 of the United States Code (the “**Bankruptcy Code**”), for entry of an order:

- 6           (a)     approving the procedures, attached hereto as **Exhibit A-1** (the “**General Claims**  
7 **Information Procedures**”), requiring General Claimants to submit to the  
8 Reorganized Debtors certain limited and targeted information necessary to allow the  
9 Reorganized Debtors to evaluate individual General Claims for potential resolution,  
10 including without limitation, approving the form of Information Request Form;
- 11           (b)     approving the procedures, attached hereto as **Exhibit A-2** (the “**General ADR**  
12 **Procedures**”), for the potential settlement of General Claims, including, without  
13 limitation, (i) procedures to allow the Reorganized Debtors and General Claimants to  
14 exchange settlement offers, and (ii) procedures for both standard and abbreviated  
15 mandatory non-binding mediation of General Claims, including, without limitation,  
16 approving the form of Abbreviated Mediation Notice and Standard Mediation Notice;  
17 and
- 18           (c)     providing:
- 19                   i.     authority for the Reorganized Debtors to agree to modification of the Plan  
20 Injunction in connection with pending actions involving General Claims  
21 solely to permit the parties to those pending actions to participate in  
22 settlement-related activities, including mediation and/or informal settlement  
23 discussions, entering into settlement agreements, and filing and having heard  
24 and decided in and by the non-bankruptcy courts in which such actions are  
25 pending, motions to determine settlements to be in good faith and petitions to  
26 authorize compromises by minors;
- 27                   ii.    authority for the Reorganized Debtors and a holder of a General Claim to  
28 jointly agree to modify the General ADR Procedures in individual instances,  
in each instance without the need for further order of this Court, in order to  
advance the settlement objectives of this Motion; and
- iii.    an extension of the deadline for the Reorganized Debtors to object to any  
Claim that has been made subject to any of the General Claims Procedures  
until the later of (a) the general Claims objection deadline set by Plan § 7.1

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<sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms used but not herein defined have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Motion, the *Debtors’ and Shareholder Proponents’ Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization Dated June 19, 2020* [Dkt. No. 8048] (as it may be amended, modified, or supplemented and together which any exhibits or schedules thereto, the “**Plan**”), or the *Order Confirming Debtors’ and Shareholder Proponents’ Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization Dated June 19, 2020* [Docket No. 8053] as applicable.

(as it may be extended by the Court for cause shown), or (b) 60 days after the termination of the last General Claims Procedure employed; on the condition that there is no interim gap of more than 60 days between the termination of one and the commencement of another General Claims Procedure,

and consideration of the Motion and the requested relief being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and venue being proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and a hearing having been held on the Motion; and the Court having found and determined that notice of the Motion as provided to the parties listed therein is reasonable and sufficient, and it appearing that no other or further notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Motion and the McWilliams Declaration submitted in support thereof; and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and it appearing that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, creditors, shareholders, and all parties in interest; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Motion is granted as provided herein.

2. The General Claims Information Procedures attached hereto as **Exhibit A-1** are approved, and the Reorganized Debtors are authorized to implement the General Claims Information Procedures as set forth therein.

3. The Information Request Form, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Annex 1**, is approved. The Reorganized Debtors are authorized to serve the Information Request Form in accordance with the General Claims Information Procedures.

4. The General ADR Procedures attached hereto as **Exhibit A-2**, including without limitation, the Offer Procedures and the General Mediation Procedures, are approved and the Reorganized Debtors are authorized to implement the General ADR Procedures as set forth therein.

5. The Abbreviated Mediation Notice and the Standard Mediation Notice, substantially in the forms annexed hereto as **Annex 2** and **Annex 3**, respectively, are approved. The Reorganized Debtors are authorized to send the Abbreviated Mediation and the Standard Mediation Notice in accordance with the General ADR Procedures.

6. The Reorganized Debtors may employ sequentially any combination of the General

1 Claims Information Procedures and any or all of the General ADR Procedures. In the event a  
2 General Claim designated for the General Claims Information Procedures, the Offer Procedures, or  
3 the General Mediation Procedures is not resolved through the Offer Procedures or the General  
4 Mediation Procedures, as applicable, and no more than sixty (60) days has elapsed between the  
5 completion of one of such procedures and the commencement of another of such procedures, the  
6 deadline for the Reorganized Debtors to object to such General Claim shall be the later of (i) the  
7 deadline set forth in Section 7.1 of the Plan (as it may be extended for cause shown), and (ii) sixty  
8 (60) days after the termination of the last of such Information, Offer, or General Mediation  
9 Procedures.

10 7. The Reorganized Debtors are authorized, without further order of this Court, to agree  
11 to modification of the Plan Injunction in connection with pending actions involving General Claims  
12 solely to permit the parties to those pending actions to participate in settlement-related activities,  
13 including mediation and/or informal settlement discussions, entering into settlement agreements,  
14 and filing and having heard and decided in and by the non-bankruptcy courts in which such actions  
15 are pending, motions to determine settlements to be in good faith and petitions to authorize  
16 compromises by minors.

17 8. The Reorganized Debtors have authority to agree with a holder of a General Claim to  
18 jointly modify the General ADR Procedures in individual instances, in each instance without the  
19 need for further order of this Court.

20 9. For purposes of the General Claims Information Procedures, the General ADR  
21 Procedures, or any other relief granted in connection with the Motion, the definition of General  
22 Claims shall exclude the following Claims: Environmental Claims; 2001 Utility Exchange Claims;  
23 2003 Watershed Lands Obligations; Claims related to the DWR Bond Charge; and Claims based on  
24 FERC Tariff Rate Proceedings.

25 10. The Claims listed on **Exhibit A-3** hereto are exempted from the General Claims  
26 Information Procedures and General ADR Procedures.

27 11. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Motion, this Order, the General ADR  
28 Procedures or any notice pursuant thereto, the General ADR Procedures shall not apply to and

1 General Claims shall not include (a) Workers' Compensation Claims; (b) claims asserted under the  
2 Reorganized Debtors' directors' and officers', crime and fiduciary Insurance Policies (as defined in  
3 the next paragraph); (c) claims where there is a judgment entered or settlement already agreed to  
4 and signed by all applicable parties; (d) direct action claims against any of the Reorganized Debtors'  
5 insurers under applicable non-bankruptcy law; (e) any claims or actions relating to any claims  
6 between the Reorganized Debtors' insurers, on the one hand, and the Reorganized Debtors, on the  
7 other hand; and (f) any declaratory judgment actions regarding insurance coverage issues.

8 12. Nothing in this Order, the General ADR Procedures or any notice pursuant thereto (a)  
9 amends, modifies or otherwise alters (i) the terms and conditions of any insurance policies issued  
10 to or providing coverage to the Reorganized Debtors at any time and any related agreements  
11 (collectively, the "Insurance Policies"); or (ii) any duty or right of the Reorganized Debtors or any  
12 insurers under the Insurance Policies; (b) creates or permits a direct right of action against any of  
13 the Reorganized Debtors' insurers; (c) obligates an insurer to be bound by a resolution of the General  
14 Claim; (d) requires an insurer to pay, in whole or in part, a General Claim resolved through the  
15 General ADR Procedures; or (e) obligates an insurer to participate in or in any way administer the  
16 General ADR Procedures or any notices required pursuant thereto.

17 13. Notice of the General Claims Procedures Motion as provided therein shall be deemed  
18 good and sufficient and the requirements of the Bankruptcy Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.

19 14. The Debtors are authorized to take all necessary actions to effect the relief granted  
20 pursuant to this Order.

21 15. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or  
22 related to the implementation, interpretation, or enforcement of this Order.

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24 \*\* END OF ORDER \*\*  
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